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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of DONHAUSER, Richard, LIND, Pirmin and
OPATERNY, Thilo
AUTOMATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN
AUTOMATION SYSTEM
Our Ref. Q63564

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 27 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 3 sheets of drawings. The PCT Request and PCT Cover Sheet are also enclosed. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. The Information Disclosure Statement will also be submitted later.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/EP99/06902, filed on September 15, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the cover page of the Published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

Priority is claimed from September 28, 1998 based on EP Application No. 98118288.4. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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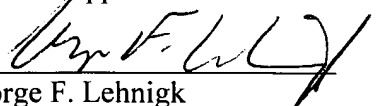
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$890.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
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